

Melrose, Sept. 18, 1877.

Dear Mr. Garrison,

Allow me to congratulate you on your safe return from Europe, and also on your delightful visit. I hope you find yourself in better health, invigorated and toned up, by both the visit and the journey.

Mrs. Maria W. Chapman intimated that you visited Harriet Martineau's home

and grave while you were abroad; and she intimates that you can give me some information concerning Rev. Jas. Martineau, which I am desirous to obtain.

At Mrs. Chapman's suggestion, I am preparing a lecture on Harriet Martineau for the Lyceums this winter. There are already indications that it is ~~going~~ to <sup>be</sup> generally demanded, rather than another new lecture which I have for this season, "The Coming Man" - i.e. the future of our

race, concerning which, as I grow older, I sometimes feel as if I had had a revelation.

I am very earnestly desirous that my lecture on Miss Martineau shall be worthy its illustrious subject. I seek inspiration and help from every quarter. And I venture to ask if you will give me an hour's interview, either at the Woman's Journal Office, or the parlor of the N.E. Woman's Club, when I can ask you a few questions on this subject? Am I ask-

ing too much, and will it  
tax you too severely? Do not  
hesitate to decline, dear Mr.  
Garrison, if it will trouble  
you to grant my request.

Hoping this may find  
you in good health, I remain  
Yrs. very truly,  
Mary A. Livermore.